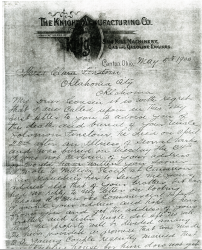
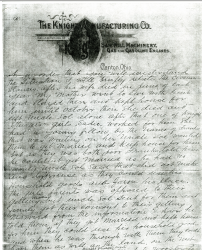
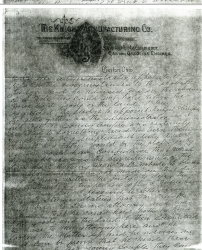
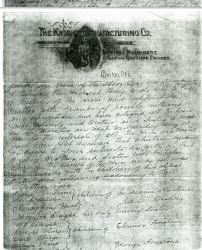
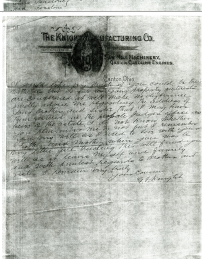


## Knight to Firestone, 1900

G. F. Knight, Canton, Ohio, to Clara Firestone, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, letter of 5 May 1900 regarding death of "your Uncle Solomon Firestone," 5 pp; Family Collection of Martha Shoup, Martha Shoup to GeneJ, 1998, aka, "Knight to Firestone, 1900."

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Canton, Ohio, May 5<sup>th</sup> 1900

Miss Clara Finston

Oklahoma City

Oklahoma

My dear Cousin it is with regret that I am called upon in this my first letter to you to advise you of the death and burial of your Uncle Solomon Finston. He died on April 22<sup>nd</sup> after an illness of several weeks and was buried on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup>. I was not certain of your address so would have written you sooner. I wrote to Melissa Shoup at Cimarron Kas. requesting her to send me your address also that of your brother but have had no reply to my letter on looking through R & Dunes Commercial report I found your address and hope I hear from you and get the address of your brother and sister. Uncle Sol left no will and his property will be divided among the heirs provided a promise that was made to a young couple recently married that Mrs. Kiehl's house for him does not get



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At his order that you will understand the situation I will briefly relate the circumstances. After his wife died in June of last year my mother went to live with him and stayed there and kept house for him until October then she died and left Uncle Sol alone after that one of Knight Sturgis' girls "Sadie" worked for him she had a young fellow by the name of Franks that was waiting on her Uncle Sol wanted them to get married and keep house for him but as they was both poor "Franks" told him he couldn't get married as he had no money. Uncle Sol said that did not make any difference as they could use his household goods and farm his place. The girls parents was opposed to their getting <sup>married</sup> but Uncle Sol sent for them and finally got their consent to their getting married from the information I have he told them if they got married and kept house for him they could use his household goods and when he was through with them they could have them as well as the land. on the next <sup>Knight Sturgis and</sup> I went to Wooster to



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have an administrator appointed. I related the circumstances to the probate Judge and he advised me in the absence of a will they could not hold either the household goods or the land. I then requested the Judge to appoint Knight Sturges, the girls father as the administrator as I felt that the young couple was certainly entitled to something and to turn them over would be a very unpleasant duty and I thought her father would be the proper party as they would have confidence that what he would do was the requirements of the law and nothing more with nobody to blame. The appointment was not made on that date and I have written the Judge to defer the appointment for this reason. After I came home in a few days I received a letter from Knight Sturges stating that Mr. Struble had been to see an attorney and was advised that he could hold both the household goods and the land. I then submitted the case to my attorney here and he looked the matter up and he advises me that it can be proven that he made these promises to this young couple. They can then claim the property after his debts are



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paid, in view of the above Circumstances  
I thought the wisest thing to do was to call  
a meeting of the Hirs and adjust the  
matter with Franks if possible without  
any litigation, and have notified all the Hirs  
except yourself and Brother and Sister to meet  
me in Wooster on next Wednesday May 9th  
for as the interests of all the Hirs are mutual  
you can rest assured that whatever agreement  
we come to, your interests as well as that  
of your Brother and Sister will be taken  
care of. The names of the Hirs are as follows:  
Commencing with the children of his oldest  
Sister and following according to their  
respective ages

Irene Pomeroy	} children of Judeanna Finstone
Sarah Kessler	
Nancy Jane Hunt	} " " John Finstone
Harriet Knight, his only living sister	
E. F. Knight	} children of Eleanor Finstone
Knight Sturgis	
Carl Sturgis	
Melissa Shoup	} " " George Finstone
Clara Finstone	
Hed. Finstone	



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I would like very much if you could be there  
with me but so far as your property interests  
are concerned it will make no difference  
kindly advise me regarding the address of  
your Brother and Sister that I may have  
them entered in the probate Judges office as  
heirs of the estate. I do not know whether  
you remember me or not but I remember  
you very well as I used to live with your  
Father and Mother when you was a  
very little girl trusting this will find you  
well as it leaves myself and family  
and with kindest regards to Brother and  
Sister I remain very truly  
your Cousin  
G. F. Knight